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Rachael stood on the edge of the forest, her feet rooted in the shadows of the trees. She could feel the pulse of the forest, the way the leaves rustled in the breeze, the way the sunlight filtered through the canopy. She knew this place, knew the secrets it held. She knew the way the wind carried the scent of rain, the way the earth vibrated with life. She knew the way the stars danced in the night sky, the way the moonlight painted the landscape in silver. She knew the way the world was, the way it was meant to be.

Dreams were the only thing that kept her going, the only thing that kept her from losing herself in the darkness. She knew the way the wind carried the scent of rain, the way the earth vibrated with life. She knew the way the stars danced in the night sky, the way the moonlight painted the landscape in silver. She knew the way the world was, the way it was meant to be.

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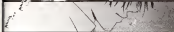








































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...HMM...

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SAME...

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OTHER
THAN
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ONE
YOU
KNOW...

WELL,
BUT...



WELL, I
AT THE
MOMENT...

AND
THE
MOMENT...



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I DON'T
WANT TO
BE THAT
BIG ALL
THE TIME

I DON'T
KNOW
THAT

IF THAT
MEANS
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GONNA
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THE
BIG
BOSS
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THE
OTHER
PEOPLE
ARE

ALL...

WHEN
THE
OTHER
PEOPLE
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AT
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LIKE
I'M
A
BIG
BOSS
IT
FEELS
LIKE
I'M
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BIG
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I DON'T
KNOW
THAT

ALL...



fantasy





"WAS
CROSS
WITH
BARRY?"

"WELL, I'M
NOT SURE
I'M
NOT."

SCOTT TANNER

STOP ALL THOUGHT

SCOTT

"I'M
NOT
LOVE."

JAY GARDNER

"BUT IT'S
NOT
SOUND
THINKING!"

THE
LORDS

ACTING WILL CHANGE

"I'M
NOT
SOUND
THINKING."

"DOES
STAYING
SOUND
THINKING?"

"I'M
ALREADY
OVER
MYSELF."

ACTING WILL RETURN









— FRODO
BAGGINS —



OF
COURSE

BECAUSE
YOU
DO
LOVE

DO YOU
BELIEVE
IN GOD
GRACE?



I
TRUST
IN HIM.

IF YOU
KEEP
SAYING
YOU LOVE
HIM SO
MUCH...

THAT'S
WHY
I LOVE
HIM.

WHY
I LOVE
GOD...

IF
CAUSE

IF WE
HAVE FAITH,
HE WILL
CERTAINLY
BRING
HAPPINESS
TO US ALL.



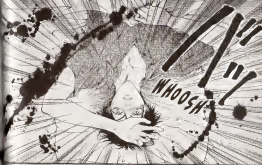
...GOD WILL...

...TAKE YOU AWAY.



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NO, THAT'S NOT IT.

NEVERMIND—
WE SURE TO
STAY IN BED
I'LL BE BACK
EARLY
TODAY.

YOUR
EXPOSURE
IS
LOOKING!

OH NO!
IT WAS
RECALLS
OF ME
HASTY
IT?

I'LL
BE
A
LATER.

I'M
OFF!

IT'S
ALL RIGHT,
I'LL TAKE
THE DAY
OFF.

SO
STAY
IN
BED!

BUT
YOU HAVE
Piano
LESSONS
TODAY

WHAT
ARE YOU
IN SUCH
A HURRY
FOR?

BE
CAREFUL,
NOW!

I'M
OFF TO
SCHOOL!

GOOD
MORNING.

GOOD
MORNING

I GET
THE
ALARM
WRONG!
I'M
GO
CRUISE—

OH!
SORRY,
DID I
MAKE
YOU?

NO WAY?!

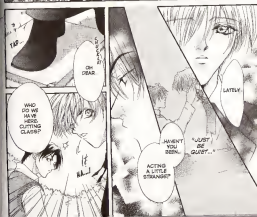
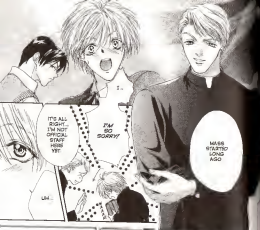
IT'S
ALL
RIGHT

BUT...

GEORGE?

AAAAAAAAHHH!!













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CHAPTER



BUT!

IT'S
ALWAYS
BEEN
FUN!

IT'S
NOT
JUST
LATELY!

IT'S
ALWAYS
BEEN
THE
SAME



YOU'RE
RIGHT.



NO
MATTER
WHAT...

FORCING
MYSELF
TO PUT
ON A
HAPPY
FACE.

THAT I
I'VE
BEEN
TRYING
NOT TO
WORRY
HER...

HAS
SHE
FOUND
ME OUT
...?

BACK?

HAID
WOULD
YOU
LIKE?

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...

SCHUBERT?



YOU
MUST
BE
HAVING
FUN

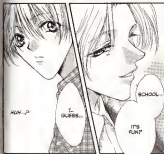


I'M SURE
HE'S GOING
TO GET
FOUND OUT
BY THE
POLICE
SOON!



IT
SHOWS
ON YOUR
FACE
LATELY

HUH?



HUH...?

I...
GUESS...

SCHOOL

IT'S
RUN?



REA-
LLY?





I REALLY
DON'T
KNOW
WHAT
WOULD
BECOME
OF YOU...

AT THE
TIME
OF THE
ACCIDENT

IT'S
ALREADY
BEEN
TWO
YEARS

SINCE
GRACE
PASSED
AWAY.

**STOP
IT!**



THE
REASON
GRACE
WANTED
TO
BECOME
A NUN...

YOU
PROBABLY
HAVEN'T
EVEN
REALIZED
WHY?

YOU
DON'T
UNDER-
STAND
IT AT ALL!

IT'S
NONE
OF
YOUR
BUSI-
NESS!

WE
DON'T
EVEN
SHARE
THE
SAME
BLOOD!

I
DON'T
WANT
TO
HEAR
IT
FROM
YOU!



I'M
GLAD...

YOU
SEEM
TO
BE
DOING
WELL...
TOO.



THAT
BOY...

WHAT
WAS
HIS
NAME...
BARBER?



...I
KNOW
THIS
SOUNDS
FUNNY...

BUT
THE
FACT
THAT
YOU
SEEMED
OK
AROUND
HIM...

AND...

"YOU'RE
SO
LUCKY..."

...BUT
MY
MIND
AT
THE
MOMENT...



TO
BE
PERFECTLY
HONEST,
I
WAS
SHOCKED.

HE'S
THE
SAME
MAYBE

I
THOUGHT
HE
WAS
A GIRL.



GO ON,
SAVE US!!

YOU'RE
SO OVER-
REACTIVE

BUT...

HELL...

IT'S
COLD.



YOU'RE
RIGHT I'M
SORRY.



NOW DON'T
SAY THAT
TO HIM

YOUR
SWEET
SON IS
WORRIED
ABOUT
YOU.



DOCTOR?

IF
SOME-
THING
TROUBLES
YOU, CALL
ME ANY-
TIME

ONLY THEN,
MAKE
SURE TO
TAKE THE
MEDICINE
AFTER
MEALS



BAM

ROBERT !!



"YOU
SEE."

DAMN.



"YES..."

"LOUIS
SAID
THAT?"

IT'S
A
LIE...

"KOD
IS
ALWAYS
WATCHING
OVER
US."



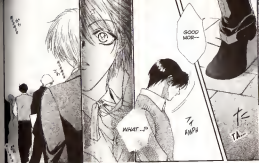
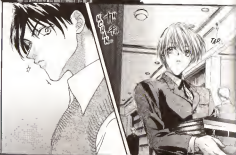
IF
THAT'S
TRUE...

"I WANT
TO
BECOME
A NUN."

THEN
WHY
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HE
HELP
US...

"I WANT
TO
BE
LIKE
LOUIS..."

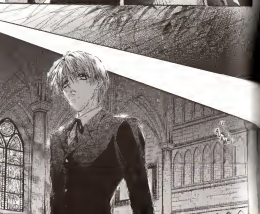


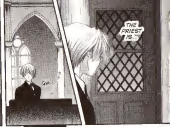




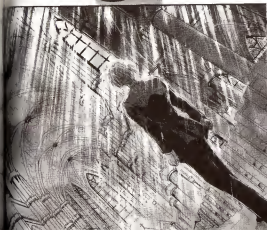
I'LL PROTECT YOU...







COHEN





—THE FATHER WOULD LISTEN TO MY STORY.

"NO, THAT'S NOT IT."

"HE SAYS THE REASON FOR YOUR KATHY GRACE?"

AND I THOUGHT IT MIGHT EASE MY MIND...

"I AMISE MY OWN CHOICE."

BECAUSE...

IT'S NO USE...

THEY SAY'S USE!

PRAYING HERE...

SAVE ...IT

IT'S MEANING LESS...

...ALL I CAN DO...

STOP IT...

STOP IT...



OH!

I WAS JUST GOING IF THE FATHER WAS HERE...



ROBERT...

...WHAT ARE YOU DOING?



LOUIS?

WHY?

HUH...?



I WANTED TO TALK TO THE FATHER ABOUT IT...

UM...

MY MOTHER'S NOT WELL...

SHE'S BEEN SICKEN, BUT...

SHE INSISTS SHE'S OKAY...

SO, I CAME TO PRAY...

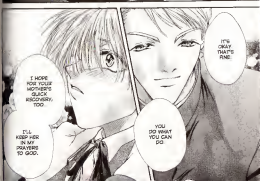
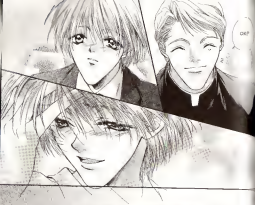
THAT'S WHY...















WHY
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SAVE
HER
...!!

IT'S
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LIE...

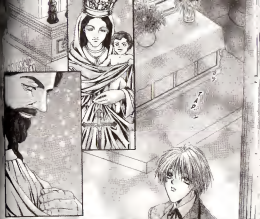
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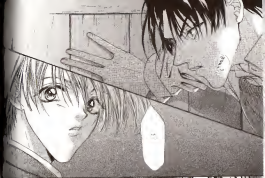
NOT
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GOD...

NOT
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LOUIS...

BUT
AT
ME...

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WHAT
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WHIP

IF
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STROY
THIS
THING...



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EMO-
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IF
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FEEL-
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IS
A
LIE...

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APPEAR-
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WERE TO
CHANGE

...I
WONDER
IF YOUR
FEELINGS
WOULD
CHANGE,
TOO...

THEN

...IS
AN
ILLU-
SION



POW

SHE HAD SO MUCH FAITH.

STOP!

PLEASE!

SHE HAD SO MUCH LOVE.

STOP!

SHE WAS THE ONE...

WHEN PUSH COMES TO SHOVE, THIS GUY...

FWOOSH

ROBERT!

CRASH

...WON'T DO ANYTHING FOR YOU!

...WHO MOST DESERVED TO BE SAVED.

ROBERT ?!



ROBERT ?!

SMASH

POW

WHAT ARE YOU ...?!

"SHE WAS TOO BELOVED..."

IT'S JUST A STATUE, RIGHT?

IT DOESN'T HAVE ANY REAL POWER AT ALL!

THIS IS JUST AN IMITATION!

"OF GOD..."

CRASH



WELL...
FORTU-
NATELY...

HIS
PAPER HAS
GONE DOWN
AND SHE'S
DOING OKAY.

YES
IT WAS
ONLY A
TEMPORARY
ASSIGNMENT,
AFTER
ALL.

HOW
IS
YOUR
MOTHER?

WILL
WE
MEET
AGAIN?

I
SEE

I'M
GLAD

AND I'M
ALSO
CONCERNED
ABOUT
THE PUNISH-
MENT...

THAT
WILL
SOON BE
HANDLED
DOWN TO
HIM

PERHAPS

I
MAY BE
POINTED
HERE ONE
DAY...WHO
KNOWS?
I'M AN
ALBUM
OF THE
FACE.

UM...

I'M...

...RIGHT
HERE.

PLEASE TELL ME...

YOU'RE...

...LEAVING
ALREADY?



IT'S JUST THAT HE...

IT MAY NOT BE FOR ME TO SAY...

HE'S LOST SOMEONE DEAR TO HIM IN THE PAST.



YOU KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT HIM, DON'T YOU? FATHER LOUIS...?"



REALLY...?"



THE FIRST TIME WE MET...

...YOUR EXPRESSION CHANGED FOR AN INSTANT.



WHAT?

...IS THERE SOMETHING HIDING WITH MY FACE?



IN DEVOUTNESS...

SOME-THING LIKE THAT

THAT PERSON.

REMEMBERED YOU...

IN LOOKS, YES, BUT ALSO...

YOU'RE VERY SIMILAR.



"I CAN'T BELIEVE SOMEONE LIKE YOU EXISTS..."



"THE THOUGHT OF THAT FACE OF YOURS WANDERING ALL OVER TOWN..."



I'VE...

BEEN TOLD SOMETHING SIMILAR BEFORE...

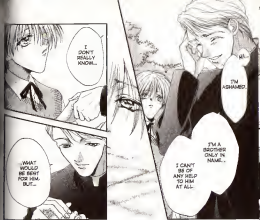
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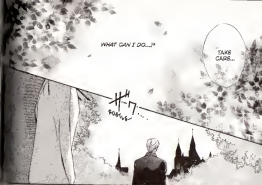
BY ROBERT, TOO...



...WAS... BECAUSE OF... AHE...?"

SO THAT...







"PLEASE"

"BE OF
HELP
TO HIM"



ARE
YOU
OKAY?

YOU
FEEL
FEVERISH.



I'M
SORRY...
I'LL FINISH
UP AS
SOON AS
POSSIBLE.

I'M
FINE.



NOW,
YOU
MUSTN'T
BE LIKE
THAT.

YOU MUST
BID YOUR
MOTHER
A PROPER
GOOD-BYE.

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GIRL...

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MEMORY

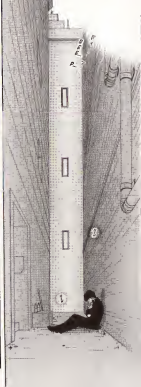
OF
A
CERTAIN
TIME...













I'M STANDING RIGHT HERE!!









IT'S
OKAY...

WHAT?

EVERY-
THING
WILL
BE
OKAY...

WHAT'S...

YOU
SEE,

GOD IS
ALWAYS
WATCHING
OVER US
ALL.

THIS
...?



"GET
OUT!!"



GH...



SHE'S
NOT...



HE'S
WATCHING
OVER
YOU,
TOO.

BA-
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M
P...

THAT'S
WHY

I'M
SURE...

I'VE
NEVER
KNOWN...

BA-
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HE
IS

SOME-
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LIKE
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HE'S
SURE
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YOU...

SO
LET'S
GO.

TOGETHER.

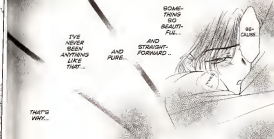
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I'M SCARED...

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YOUR
MIL
TALK
US

OH?
HOW
ELSE
SHOULD I
ADDRESS
YOU?

PLEASE
DON'T
DANDEL JUST
BECAUSE YOU
KNOW THE
MASTER'S
NOT HERE!

HANNA
IS THE
ONE WHO
IS GOING
TO BE
SCOLD!

STOP
CALLING
ME
THAT
ALREADY,
SHE
"YOUNG
LST"



I'M
ALREADY
TALK
TUNING

OK,
OK

THE
ELDERLY
SLICE
ARE
PUSSY

YOUNG
SIR!!



SURELY...

Pushing



A
CERTAIN
MEMORY...



OF A
CERTAIN
TIME...



OK
WELL...

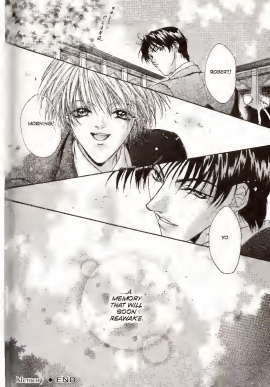
I'M
OFF



HURRY!

YOU'RE
GOING
TO BE
LATE!

YOUNG
SIR!





TO ALL OF YOU WHO TELL ME, "I READ THE MAGAZINE. TOO!" HERE IS AN ANNOUNCEMENT! THE NEXT STORY AFTER THE ONE'S PUBLISHED IN THIS VOLUME'S WILL NOW BE SERIALIZED IN "WINGS" MAGAZINE. I HOPE YOUR SUPPORT WILL CONTINUE AS ALWAYS.

TO EVERYONE WHO SENDS ME LETTERS, THANK YOU. THEY ARE MY "SOURCE OF ENERGY." ALL THE ILLUSTRATIONS AND PRESENTS YOU'VE SENT ME ARE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED IN AREAS WHERE I CAN VIEW THEM WHILE WORKING. OCCASIONALLY I'LL BE SENT PAPERS AND THINGS THAT ARE PRINTED ON A WARM, AND FOR THOSE, PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE A RETURN ADDRESS. (PLEASE, BY ALL MEANS! THERE ARE STILL OCCASIONALLY SOME WHO DON'T INCLUDE IT!)

WELL, I GUESS THAT'S IT FOR VOLUME 2. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR READING ♥ LET'S MEET AGAIN! '03 APR CHERRY BLOSSOM IN FULL BLOOM!

Special Thanks to *Yuki Kawai*
"X" (TANI) GAMA, OCHI-GAMA, AND YOU.

THE CLASH AT THIS POINT IN THE STORY IS JUST BEFORE SUMMER VACATION. AT THE END OF THAT VACATION THERE'S AN ADVERTISEMENT (EVEN BEFORE THAT, BUT...) GEORGES AND THE OTHERS WILL BE IN THEIR SENIOR YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL. YES, THAT'S RIGHT! THEY'RE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES IN THIS STORY WORLD! HIGH SCHOOL LASTS FOR FOUR YEARS. SO IT'S NOT 4-9-9 BUT 4-9-4 TO EVERYONE WHO THOUGHT THE CHARACTERS WERE IN JUNIOR HIGH. I'M SORRY TEENAGERS! ACCORDING TO AGE, THEY WOULD BE IN JUNIOR HIGH. INCIDENTALLY, THE JUNIOR HIGH UNIFORMS ALL THE ONES GEORGES AND JOSEPH ARE WEARING IN VOLUME 1. (EVEN! GEORGES IS WEARING THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SYNDROM UNIFORM IN THAT SAME VOLUME.) "WHY 4 YEARS?" YOU ASK WELL, BECAUSE IF GEORGES WAS IN HIS THIRD YEAR OF JUNIOR HIGH, GRADUATION WOULD BE JUST AROUND THE CORNER - A LOT OF CHARACTERS WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE AND IT JUST SEEMED LIKE IT WOULD BE A LOT OF WORK! THAT WAS THE MAIN REASON, AND I WANTED HIM TO BE 14 YEARS OLD. I DON'T KNOW WHY.



Louis
Age: 17
Birthday: 5-21
Height: 184cm
Hair: Blond
Eyes: Blue



Life Petle
Age: 18
Birthday: 4-25
Height: 165cm
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Green
Blaze

PROMENADE
HELLO. THIS IS CHIGUSA KAWAI, AND THIS IS VOLUME 3 OF "LA ESPERANCE"

IT HAD BEEN A WHOLE YEAR SINCE THE RELEASE OF VOLUME 2 - FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WAITED. I APOLOGIZE, BUT AFTER VOLUME 2'S RELEASE I WAS TOLD, "IT CAME OUT FASTER THAN I EXPECTED." SO PERHAPS A YEAR'S WAIT IS NOT SO JUNGLE. AFTER ALL...? NO, A YEAR SEEMS PRETTY LONG. HMM. AFTER ALL THIS TIME, I STILL DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THIS INDUSTRY... ANYWAY, THANK YOU FOR TAKING THIS BOOK IN HAND. I KNOW THAT COME OF YOU START BY READING THE AFTERWORD FIRST SO I WON'T SAY TOO MUCH, BUT VARIOUS LOOSE ENDS ARE TIED UP IN THIS VOLUME ♪ I HOPE YOU ENJOY IT. (I'M THE TYPE WHO STARTS BY READING THE AFTERWORD, BY THE WAY.)

CHAPTER 1 - THE SUMMER BEAT (P.1) AND PLE (P.2) (OLD)

→ AS I WAS TRYING TO DEVELOP ARTHUR'S CHARACTER, I THOUGHT OF THIS GUY WHO BEINGS OUT TO OUR HOUSE EVERY WEEK TO SELL BREAD - AND SO I DECIDED "LET'S MAKE HIM A BAKER!" THE BREAD GUY AND ARTHUR ARE TOTALLY DIFFERENT PERSONALITIES, AND THE REAL PERSON IS, TO SAY ONLY, A CURIOUSLY KNOWLEDGEABLE CHARACTER OF INTERESTING AGE

CHAPTER 2 - LOOK UP! (P.1) AND IT'S (BROTHER LOUIS) (P.2)

→ I REALLY WORKED HARD ON THOSE WHITE SOCKS IN THE COLOR SECTION! BUT YOU CAN'T THEN TELL IN BLACK AND WHITE! ONCE, WHEN I WAS WORKING ON THE ART AT HOME, I REMEMBER SOMEONE BEING OVERCOME WITH CURIOSITY AND CRYING. "HOW I CAN'T EVER REMEMBER WHAT I WAS GOING ABOUT. MAYBE I WAS JUST SLEEPY... WHAT AM I, A LITTLE RIDIC!"

CHAPTER EPISODE (P.1) - MEMORY (THE OTHER CHARACTERS' TOLD)

→ THIS WAS MY FIRST 12-PAGE STANDALONE EPISODE IN A WHILE AND IT WAS EXHAUSTING. I'M NOT REALLY SURE IF I CAN CALL THIS AN EXTRA EPISODE. THERE WERE QUITE A FEW PEOPLE CAMEARED TO OUSHA BY THE CHERRY-GEORGES CHARACTERS. "IF HE REALLY EXISTED, I WOULD BE KIDNAPPED HIM BY NOW!!" AND A FRIEND OF MINE WENT YOU!



Arthur
Age: 20
Birthday: 5-21
Height: 182cm
Hair: Black
Eyes: Blue

LAST TIME
REMEMBER
TELL ME
YOUR
THOUGHTS
AND FEELINGS